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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- * The House will reconvene for its 16th Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 AM.
- * 5 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

Monday, February 11, 2008

15th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

RULES CALENDAR

HB 158 - Parent and child; legitimization; clarify methods; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: Bill amends O.C.G.A 19-7-21.1 so as to create a procedure for voluntary legitimization of a child. The Bill also goes throughout the rest of the code and references the newly created procedure for legitimization of a child. The bill limits the timeframe in which voluntary legitimization can occur down to one year.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 49th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Amendments(s):** N/A
- **Yeas:** 156; **Nays:** 0

HB 209 - Employees' Retirement System; narcotics agents; purchase prior service

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill amends provisions relating to creditable service in the Employees' Retirement System. It extends the deadline for members to purchase creditable service for prior service as a narcotics agent under the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at the full actuarial cost to the member. The new deadline is set for December 31, 2008 or one year after becoming a member of ERS, whichever is later.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Carl Rogers of the 26th
- **House Committee:** Retirement
- **Rule:** Open
- **Amendments(s):** N/A
- **Yeas:** 156; **Nays:** 0

HB 297 - Recreational vehicle dealers; conventions; provide certain exemptions

- BILL SUMMARY: Currently, it is unlawful for any dealer to sell or distribute any new recreational vehicle in Georgia unless the dealer has a franchise dealership agreement with a grantor with the express right to sell or distribute recreational vehicles in Georgia and meets certain requirements and definitions. This bill would allow dealers from outside Georgia to sell or distribute recreational vehicles at certain conventions or rallies involving more than 2500 recreational vehicles which are registered with the sponsor of such an event. In cases where a manufacturer intends to participate by inviting an out-of-state dealer to attend the convention or rally, that manufacturer must also invite all franchise Georgia dealers to said event.
- The floor substitute also stipulates that a charge of \$500 be applied to out of state dealers for admission to rally.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Allen G. Freeman of the 140th
- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
- **Rule:** Open
- **Amendments(s):** Floor Substitute adopted
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 0

HB 1027 - Defensive driving courses; alcohol or drug programs; curriculum; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: The purpose of HB 1027 is to authorize the Department of Driver's Services (DDS) to approve the Defensive Driving 6 hour course for on-line delivery. Further, it makes only DDS approved Defensive Driving and DUI Risk Reduction (20 hours) courses available for pre trial diversion and ticket dismissal.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Rice of the 51st
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **Rule:** Open
- **Amendments(s):** Keen AM-Adopted; Rice AM-adopted
- **Yeas:** 103; **Nays:** 56

** The House will reconvene Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 AM, for its 16th Legislative Day*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 16th Legislative Day, Tuesday, February 12, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

RULES CALENDAR FOR NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 494 - Cosmetologists; definitions; wax technicians; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill amends Chapter 10 of Title 43 relating to cosmetologists. This legislation:
 - Adds provisions relating to the certificate of registration for master estheticians and wax technicians as well as adds further standards for the practice of estheticians and wax technicians.
 - Allows certificates of registration to be issued to master estheticians and wax technicians from other states under certain circumstances.
 - Amends provisions relating to barbers, so as to provide that a barber shop may employ a master esthetician or wax technician without it being required to be licensed as a cosmetology shop or salon.
 - Revises some provisions relating to continuing education, etc.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Don Parsons of the 42nd
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/7/2008
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

HB 919 - Georgia Lottery Corporation; Board of Directors; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill creates a nine member Georgia Lottery Corporation Board of Directors and certain duties for the Corporation's CEO and provides for a Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bill Hembree of the 67th
- **House Committee:** Higher Education
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/7/2008
- **Rule:** Open

HB 930 - Disabled veterans and blind persons; eligibility certificate; valid for five years; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill provides that the certificate of eligibility issued by the judge of the probate court to disabled veterans and blind persons seeking exemption from the payment of occupation taxes, administrative fees, or regulatory fees for certain activities will be valid for 10 years.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/7/2008
- **Rule:** Open

HB 931 - Authentic historical Georgia license plates; definition; increase time period

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill changes the provisions of law regarding 'authentic historical Georgia license plates' so as to apply to any motor vehicle manufactured twenty five years ago or before.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/7/2008
- **Rule:** Open

HR 1154 - Georgia Lottery Corporation; bonuses and incentives; more conservative approach; urge

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution urges the Georgia Lottery Corporation to take a more conservative approach to the distribution of bonuses and incentives.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bill Hembree of the 67th
- **House Committee:** Higher Education
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/7/2008
- **Rule:** Open

** The Rules Committee will next meet on Tuesday, February 12, at 9:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 17th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1127 - Irwin County; Board of Commissioners; staggered elections; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the staggered election of members of the Irwin County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jay Roberts of the 154th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Judiciary Non-Civil

HB 922 - Deceptive business practices; committing the offense; provide additional methods

- BILL SUMMARY: Adds a new crime in the Code section related to the obstruction of public administration to provide that a person commits the offense of avoiding public contracting safeguards when he or she solicits, authorizes or awards one contract within one year after the same county or municipality awarded another contract to the same vendor for the same goods or services where the value of each separate contract would not require approval, but if awarded as one contract the contracts together would require approval through a formal bid process.

Similar goods must serve the same function in order to be considered "similar" for purposes of the law.

The punishment for a first offense would be a misdemeanor, for a second or subsequent offense would be a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

The substitute provides a carve-out exception for those contracts that are competitively bid in compliance with a county or municipality's competitive bid procedures. The Code section will not apply to actions approved by the governing authority, actions which are of a clerical or administrative nature or actions taken on an emergency basis.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs of the 80th
- **Committee Action:** Tabled

** Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office, and are then placed on the General Calendar.*



COMMITTEE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<u>RULES</u>	341 CAP
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Admin/Licensing Subcommittee of Insurance</u>	415 CLOB
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee</u>	406 CLOB
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS</u>	515 CLOB
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Judiciary Non-Civil Subcommittee One (Knox)</u>	403 CAP
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>Special Subcommittee on Transportation</u>	341 CAP
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>Academic Support Subcommittee of Education</u>	415 CLOB
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<u>Resolution Subcommittee of Transportation</u>	515 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH</u>	403 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>HUMAN RELATIONS & AGING</u>	606 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>JUDICIARY CIVIL</u>	132 CAP or upon adjournment- whichever is later
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	<u>General Government Subcommittee of Governmental Affairs</u>	515 CLOB
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	<u>SPECIAL RULES</u>	506 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>GAME, FISH & PARKS</u>	606 CLOB
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	<u>WAYS AND MEANS</u>	515 CLOB

** This schedule is accurate at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To view the most up to date meeting schedule, please visit <http://www.legis.ga.gov> and click on Meeting Notices. To view the live streaming video of the meeting, please visit the Georgia Legislative Network website.*